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SUBJECT: PREPCON: QUESTION OF IEA OBSERVER STATUS FOR
MAIN CONFERENCE

1. AT ADVANCED STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS OVER AGENDA FOR
MAIN CONFERENCE, FRENCH TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED
TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TEXT OF PROPOSED FINAL COMMUNI-
QUE FOR PREPCON. DRAFT TEXT IS ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY
ON QUESTION OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR IEA. (TEST: QUOTE

... IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE
PREPARATORY MEETING WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE CONFER-
ENCE. THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION FOR
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT WILL BE INVITED TO
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SEND OBSERVERS. END QUOTE) TOGETHER WITH EC AND JAPAN,

WE HAVE INFORMED THE TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN THAT THIS IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE ISSUE AND HAVE GIVEN HIM LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD STATE THAT "ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS INVITED TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING MAY ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE." IEA FORMALLY INVITED BY FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES MARCH 20.

2. DE GUIRINGAUD HAS INFORMED US, EC AND JAPAN THAT HE CANNOT NEGOTIATE THIS ISSUE FURTHER WITH THE ALGERIANS. HE MAINTAINS THAT QUESTION OF IEA PARTICIPATION IS COVERED THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE OECD.

3. AT TODAY'S IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT (ALL VOTING) THAT IEA MUST BE INCLUDED AS OBSERVER IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE. AUSTRIANS, SPANISH, SWISS PARTICULARLY STRONG.

4. BASIC POLITICAL ARGUMENTS FOR INCLUDING IEA (EVEN IF OPEC DOESN'T ACCEPT INVITATION) ARE:

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(A) IEA FORMED WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING DIALOGUE
WITH PRODUCERS (SEE ARTICLE 47 OF AGREEMENT);

(B) SMALL CONSUMER COUNTRIES WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN
DIALOGUE, WHICH THEY CANNOT DO WITH LIMITED NUMBERS IF
IEA OBSERVERS EXCLUDED;

(C) IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO ALL SIGNATORIES OF IEA
THAT THIS AGENCY, WHICH WE ALL JOINED IN TO IMPROVE OUR
ENERGY SITUATION, BE BRANDED AS CONFRONTATIONAL AND
THEREFORE THAT OUR INTENTIONS IN DIALOGUE BE IMPUGNED.

5. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS COULD BECOME A CRITICAL
ISSUE AND MIGHT PROVOKE AN ALGERIAN ATTEMPT TO BREAK UP
THE MEETING. OUR PLANNED RESPONSE TO ANY SUCH ALGERIAN
OUTBURST (AGREED BY EC AND JAPAN) IS SIMPLY TO MAINTAIN
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THAT THIS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE AND TO ASK DE GUIRINGAUD TO
ASK THE DELEGATIONS OF THE SEVEN TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS
FROM THEIR CAPITALS. WE HAVE MADE THIS UNMISTAKABLY
CLEAR TO DE GUIRINGAUD DURING WEEK. IF THIS SITUATION
SHOULD DEVELOP WE SUGGEST THAT DEPT. BE PREPARED TO ASK
EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS OF THE SEVEN TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO HOST GOVERNMENTS RE-ITERATING FIRMNESS OF OUR POSITION. WE WILL ALSO SUGGEST TO DAVIGNON THAT HE ASK ONE OF THE OTHER SMALLER IEA COUNTRIES (PREFERABLY SWITZERLAND, SPAIN OR AUSTRIA) TO MAKE SUPPORTING DEMANDS. WE WILL ALSO ASK FOR JAPANESE DEMARCHE. WE DO NOT INTEND TO AGREE FINALLY TO ANY OTHER ISSUES NOW UNDER DISCUSSION, E.G. AGENDA, PARTICIPATION, SITE, ETC. UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS RESOLVED TO OUR SATISFACTION.
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